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For: METHOD OF ALTERING SHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND DETECTING  
FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification

On page one, line 3, please insert the following.

-- This application is a divisional of U.S.S.N. 08/627,499 filed on April 4, 1996,  
now allowed, which was a divisional of U.S.S.N. 08/042,147, filed on April 2, 1993, now U.S.  
Pat. No. 5,518,879 which is a divisional of U.S.S.N. 07/740,426, filed on August 5, 1991, now  
U.S. Pat. No. 5,232,837.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 19-26, 31-36, and 39-46.